

Remarks

Claims 11-13, 17 and 45-54 are pending in the application. Applicants thank the Examiner for noting the allowability of claims 45-54, and has removed the grounds for objection through the amendments above. Claims 11-13 and 17 were rejected, but are canceled herein without prejudice to Applicants' ability to pursue the claims in a subsequent application.

Objection to Claims

Claim 45 was objected to as containing an informality, specifically the lack of a space between the words "and" and "one". An amendment above corrects this typographical error.

Claims 45-54 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 45 and 50 have been so rewritten above. The remainder of claims 46-49 and 51-54 depend from either of claim 45 or 50. Applicants, thus, respectfully request reconsideration of and removal of this ground for objection.

Rejections of Claims

Claims 11-13 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,783,695 to Eichelberger, *et al.*, in view of U.S. PAPL No. 2001/0002275 to Oldenburg, *et al.* Claims 11-13 and 17 have been canceled from this application, but might be pursued in a subsequent continuation application.

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 45-54, as rewritten in independent form or depending from a rewritten independent claim, are in a condition for allowance, and respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all outstanding

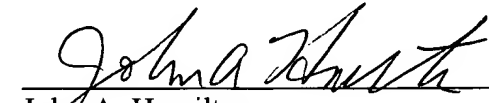
objections and/or rejections. Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, please call Applicants' attorney at 617-854-4000.

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